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From the President

The Council Meeting on December 7th brought together representatives of all the Districts, Sections and Committees. In jig time the general plans for the year were discussed and a theme selected. Because of unprecedented population growths and the many technological and social changes which are bringing problems to communities, including their libraries, the theme statement—**GROWTH AND CHANGE—THE CHALLENGE**—seems particularly apt. Current literature in all fields speaks feelingly of the urgency of these challenges. We note that Governor Williams was conscious of this feeling of change when he stated in his inaugural address "change is in the air, and the whole world is in the throes of political, economic, and scientific revolution."

Among the next tasks will be for the Librarians and Trustees responsible for planning the District Meetings to translate this theme into a program with meaning in terms of local problems. We are looking forward to a variety of interpretations of the theme and to a variety of possible solutions for the problems.

Each District sent a representative to the extra session on December 8th when the American Library Association, through the Library Community Project and the MLA Adult Education Section, conducted a practical training session in adult education techniques. We count this as evidence that the Association itself is growing and changing in an effort to meet the needs of its members.

A list of the District meeting dates and places will be found in this issue of the *Michigan Librarian*. Why not plan to fill your car with librarians and trustees from your own and neighboring libraries for the meeting nearest you. This will give you a chance to test in person the effectiveness of the training session and a chance to contribute to the group estimate of the Library's part in the growth and change which seems to be the spirit of the times.

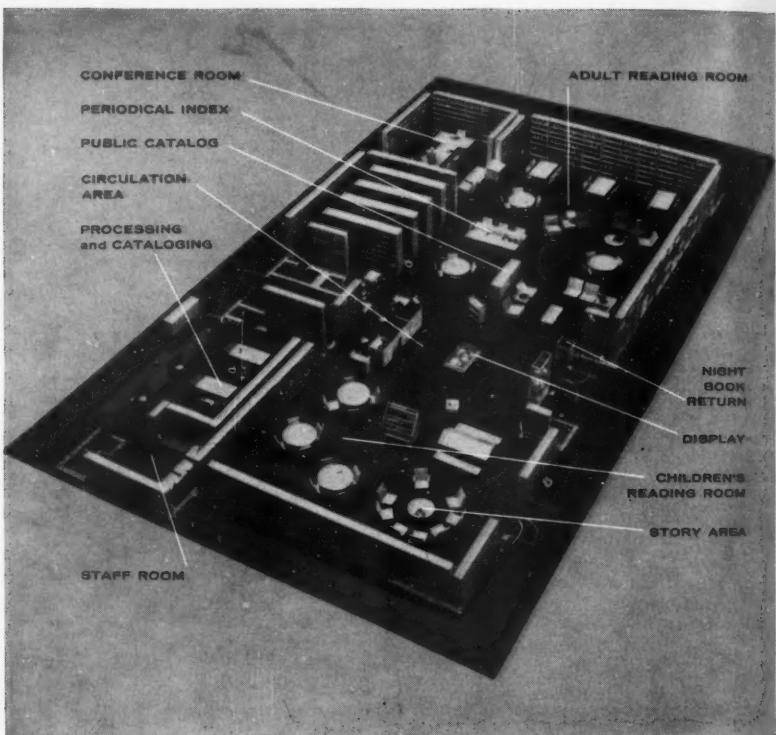
The annual financial report of the Association appearing in this issue gives an indication of our healthy fiscal state. The Budget for 1957, also printed elsewhere, shows the use to which the funds will be put and indicates an active program. All committees and sections gave good accounts of their plans at the Council meeting. Some will participate in the Annual Conference and others will have Spring programs of special interest to the Section membership.

The space for the State Library in the State Office Building is still in question. Many people wrote to the Legislative State Office Building Committee in 1956, and it now appears that further action may be necessary. The Legislative Committee will sound an alert when letters need to go to members of the Committee. If you wrote before, may we count on you to write again and to urge your Trustees to write as well.

And finally, we come to a matter of extreme urgency. A Conference on January 15th with Governor Williams indicated that there are many demands on the tax dollar and that his budget recommendations to the Legislature will be pared to the bone. Since the Legislature usually does some paring on its own, your Legislative Committee will need the active help of each of you in support of the State Aid and State Library Budgets. Make it plain to your local representative what State Aid means in your library. This will be a good time to enlist the help of your patrons in letter writing. Let members of the House and Senate know how much we all depend upon the State Library for practical help as well as for that intangible thing called leadership. If, by some awful chance, we are faced with the threat of a reduction in the budgets, we must *really* mobilize to keep library funds, and therefore Service, at the present level. To fail in this would jeopardize Michigan's participation in the distribution of funds under the Federal Library Services Act.



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The Legislative Committee and Its 1957 Projects

Carol Thomas, Chairman

The Legislative Committee is large this year. It needs to be since we have several projects to handle. From time to time we will ask for the membership to help in order to obtain passage of a bill or to ward off some dire threat to library well being.

STATE AID. A sub-committee has been formed to work on an increase in state aid. We hope to get \$700,000 for state aid this year. The sub-committee chairman is Elizabeth Von Oettingen of the Detroit Public Library. Other members working with her are: Betty Seifert (Grosse Pointe); Larry Wember (Detroit); and Herbert Mutschler (Wayne County).

FEDERAL AID. This sub-committee is headed by Phyllis Pope of the Pontiac Public Library. On her committee are: John Kinney, trustee (Benton Harbor); Mrs. Marjorie Fedrowski (Cass County); and Charles Follo, trustee (Escanaba).

The federal aid money is very important to Michigan's small communities. We have \$2,050,000 for division among the states and Michigan's share is \$40,000 to be used from now until June 30, 1957. We need to work now to obtain an appropriation of \$7,500,000 for the fiscal year 1957-58. If we can get this money, Michigan will receive \$220,000 to help spread library service to small communities.

Plans for use of federal funds have been made by the State Board for Libraries and M.L.A. Executive Board. During the next few months, books and a bookmobile will be purchased and a program of publicity for libraries will be started. Then long range plans include purchase of bookmobiles and preparation for three types of library demonstrations: a metropolitan fringe area; a county not now receiving good library service; and a regional library demonstration. Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian is chairman of the A.L.A. Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act.

If our hopes are realized, we will be able to obtain federal money for the next four years and should have a fine library organization at the end of that time. However, we do not have a money tree in the Capitol Yard and so we must all work with our congressmen in Washington. Let your federal representatives know how you feel about federal aid to libraries. Ask them to support our current request for a \$7,500,000 appropriation for 1957-58. In this way you help awaken our whole country to the need for better public library service.

It is important to note that the federal government does not intend to have this money used to make up for inadequate state, or local appropriations. *None* of our present library tax support can be decreased or we will not qualify for federal aid. This new income is for improvement and expansion of library service.

PENAL FINES. In 1956 we were able to defeat a bill which would have granted an indefinite amount of penal fine income to townships. The bill was referred to a committee and died there. However, the township group in the legislature has undoubtedly not given up the thought of obtaining some of this income. You will, of course, be notified of any attempt to deprive libraries of this revenue and the Legislative Committee hopes you will continue to help us by letting your legislator know how much libraries need these funds.

There has been, however, a change in M.L.A. policy toward the law libraries. Since we have talked so long and so loud about needing the fine income and about the rising costs of library administration, we feel that it is only fair to offer to increase the amount received by law libraries. Therefore, the Special Committee for the Study of Library Laws, with Bob Armstrong as Chairman, is working with the association of circuit court judges on this matter.

The new allotment of penal fines to law libraries that is now being considered and discussed is: In counties under 25,000 population the law library would receive \$750.00. Between 25,000 and 50,000 population, the law library would receive \$1,500.00 and in counties of over 50,000 population the amount would be \$3,000.00. Since penal fines have risen almost every year, our library association leadership believes that the

increase, if it comes about, will not result in any real hardship to our libraries.

As administrator of a county library, Carol Thomas, Legislative Chairman, has assumed responsibility for watching out for this part of our program. Others on this sub-committee are: Mary Daume (Monroe County); Bernard Oppenner (Kalamazoo); Alberta Massingill (Grand Rapids); and Mrs. Homer Smith, trustee (Hastings).

The State Library Budget

An essay contest on "What the State Library Means to Me" would probably result in almost as many different answers as there are people. The books it sends out have helped library patrons in all areas of the state — and especially in those parts where there is inadequate public library service.

The consultant staff advises many of us in administrative positions and has helped many communities to plan for good library service.

The state library budget is, therefore, one of the most important responsibilities of the Legislative Committee and deserves your full support in achieving its monetary goal.

Standard items in the budget are: (1) Salaries; (2) Contractual services and supplies (books are included here); and (3) furniture. These items all increase as the population grows and do not require any special discussion.

A fourth section of the State Library budget is titled: Special Projects. Some explanation is needed here.

First, is the Upper Peninsula Branch, located in Escanaba. An increase of \$14,000 is requested here—the total allotment to be \$54,000. This branch is steadily increasing its business and now needs to open a branch in the State office building in Escanaba.

The second special project is an exhibit bookmobile. The \$18,000 requested is for purchase of the bookmobile, staff and books. The State Library has many contacts with communities wishing to know about bookmobile service and it is important it has this unit for demonstrations.

A Regional Reference Center, to be established in the Saginaw-Bay City-

Midland area, is the third special project. Another sub-committee of the Legislative Committee is handling details. Chairman is Harold Johnston (Owosso). Don Leatherman (Saginaw), and Mrs. Thomas Bonner, trustee (Pinckney) are assisting.

The Reference Center is estimated to cost \$50,168 this year. The money would serve for salaries of two reference librarians, clerical help and beginning book collection. The fine reference collection in the Saginaw Library would be very helpful in this project.

By establishing this center, the State Library plans to decentralize to a certain extent and help promote really superior reference service. Business needs will be considered as well as those of the general public and students.

Inasmuch as federal funds cannot be spent in cities the size of Saginaw, it was felt that this project is a reasonable balance to the program for small communities. Should this center be established and prove as valuable as it is intended to be, other such centers will be included in later planning. It is a real step forward in reaching our goal of A-1 library service for the entire state and deserves the support of our membership.

One other project is being considered by the State Library and it is in connection with Governor Williams' Departmental Committee planning for the aged. If this program goes through, the library will have a consultant to work with other agencies on programs for this group.

Here then, is our total program for this legislative year: the State Library operating budget plus special projects;

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retention of penal fines except for the increase to law libraries; obtaining the full federal grant; and increase of State Aid to \$700,000.

The Legislative Committee asks all of you to help us achieve our goals.

Michigan and Minnesota received the first Federal Aid to Libraries checks on February 4. Michigan's check was for \$40,000.

Write Your Legislators

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13th
John D. Dingell, Detroit (D)—15th
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17th
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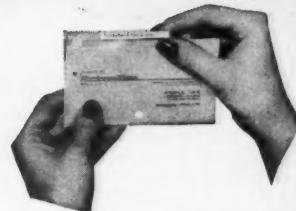
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DO YOU KNOW: if there are in public or private libraries or collections in Michigan, letters written to or by Giuseppe Garibaldi? If there are, the Italian Consul, Antonio Carloni, 1929 National Bank Bldg., Detroit, would like to have photographic reproductions of these letters. The Italian Government desires to do a national edition of Garibaldi's writings and documents.

YOUR HELP NEEDED: to find graduates of the New York State Library School (Albany) since 1928. A new register is being compiled. Any one having information please write to Karl Brown, Box 44, Butler Library, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York 27.

NEW: at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Harriet Helms, as Children's Librarian. A graduate of Western Reserve Library School, she was formerly on the staff of the Lincoln, Nebraska Public Library.

ADULT EDUCATION: a new resource to librarians interested in developing adult education programs of all kinds is available. The ALA Library-Community Project is now enabled to give prompt reply to requests for help in locating resource people—in all parts of the country. Direct inquiries to Ruth Warncke, Director, ALA Library-Community Project, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago 11.

PUBLISHED: *County, Regional and District Library Laws*, a compilation of the relevant legislation for each of the 48 states. Will provide valuable background for librarians and administrators who want to make the most of the provisions of the national Library Services Act and also useful as a reference for students of state legislation. Available from ALA Headquarters, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago 11, 48 pages, paper, \$1.75.

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Conditions under which the citations are awarded provide: (1) for equal distribution among large and small libraries; (2) for state and national activities as well as service to local libraries; (3) that the trustee shall be in actual service to local libraries during at least part of this calendar year; (4) that citations may be submitted by any library trustee, any state library extension agency, or a state trustee organization, or the ALA trustee division.

A full record of the candidate's achievements must be submitted. Send your nomination and other data to: Mrs. Marion White, Chairman, M.L.A. Trustee Citation Committee, 55 Farand Park, Highland Park 3.

Recruiting Committee

Appeals to each of you for assistance in carrying out its program. The Committee is making available printed materials, exhibit kits, and the services of its members as speakers as first approaches in the job of interesting people in librarianship.

These plans are underway but the Committee feels that each librarian has the responsibility in the dissemination of these materials and services. It also feels that we must not wait for an opportunity to recruit formally, but to develop in our day-to-day associations the impressions which would lead others to regard librarianship as the exciting, rewarding and dynamic profession that it really is.

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May we hear from you with requests for our materials or a speaker especially for career day programs? Send us the name of any person who expresses the desire to enter the field. Address inquiries and requests to: Mrs. Florence Wiselogle, Chairman, Genesee County Library, 4195 W. Pasadena Avenue, Flint 4.

Nominating Committee

Wishes to thank all of you who so promptly answered our request for suggestions and recommendations for candidates for the Michigan Library Association Executive Board offices. You may be sure your suggestions were seriously considered. Marion Wilcox, Chairman.

Newcomer's Committee

To all newcomers to Michigan libraries, greetings! Come one, come all to the annual Newcomers' meeting on Wednesday, April 3, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing. Chat over coffee and doughnuts; learn more about Michigan libraries and Michigan Library organizations; meet other newcomers at lunch, and wind up the day by touring the new Michigan State University Library.

A personal invitation will be extended to all Newcomers later, but please reserve April 3 on your calendar now. Gertrude Laird, Chairman.

Graduate Assistantships

Are being offered by the University of Florida Libraries in the academic year, 1957-58 leading to a master's or doctoral degree in a subject field other than library science. Graduate assistants work approximately 15 hours per week in the Library, assisting in bibliographical research or library administration.

Stipend is \$1,400 for a nine month period and holders of assistantships are exempt from out-of-state tuition fees. Deadline for filing application is March 31. Make inquiries to Director of Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville.

Children's Book Fairs at Teacher's Colleges

Are being held at several Michigan colleges where students are preparing for teaching careers. 1,500 books selected for children from pre-school age to young people in their teens include both a large selection of 1956 books and standard library titles. There is one section on the history and criticism of children's literature and guides to family reading. This exhibit was assembled by the Children's Book Council for the Detroit Fair and is made available to the libraries of institutions in this area by Marian Young, Chief of the Children's Department of the Detroit Public Library. An experience with such a collection will alert beginning teachers to the store of books to be used in the classrooms waiting for them in school and children's libraries.

Schedule for future exhibits is: February 17-March 2, Marygrove College, 2425 W. McNichols Ave., Detroit; March 25-29, University of Michigan, Rackham Building, Ann Arbor; April 1-15, Mercy College, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit; June 24-July 3, Eastern Michigan College, Roosevelt School, Ypsilanti.

School and Children's Section

Eulalie Steinmetz Ross, Supervisor, Work with Children Department, Cincinnati Public Library will be one of the speakers at the Spring Institute to be held Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing. Mrs. Ross made a memorable event of the Story-Telling Festival at the Miami A.L.A. Emphasis on story telling and poetry will be one of the themes of the Institute.

Catholic Library Association

The Michigan Unit of CLA will meet April 6 at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids. The Reverend Francis B. Thornton, book editor of the *Catholic Digest* and distinguished Catholic author, will be the guest speaker. Sister M. Malachi, O.P. is local chairman for the meeting.

Trustees' Corner

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A Call For Membership in M.L.A.

After pointing with pride to the year's accomplishments, Mr. William Chait in his president's report to the Michigan Library Association for 1956, indicated several matters which he viewed with concern. One of these was the small trustee membership in M.L.A. He reported that of 1,800 trustees in the state only 367 were members of M.L.A.

Certainly this is a surprising small ratio and poses the question of why it is so small. Is it not due to the fact that many trustees know little of the values of membership? Many public spirited citizens accept membership on a local board and hardly know of the existence of the state professional organization and its official publication nor of the benefits to be obtained from membership.

The membership through *The Michigan Librarian* is kept informed about the state organization's work, the state library services, state and national aid to libraries, the struggle to maintain the penal fine money, various legislative matters pertaining to libraries, the regional library projects, the Muskegon experiment and many other matters of interest to libraries. In fact, it is not too much to say that reading *The Michigan Librarian* is essential to a trustee for intelligent participation in his job. Our trustees have vision but too often very limited knowledge of the overall picture, developments, and problems of libraries obtainable from *The Michigan Librarian*.

It seems certain that if the trustees of our libraries could once become acquainted with the benefits to be obtained from membership, they would consider it to be indispensable. If for one year the library trustees were given membership from the library funds, they would want to continue their membership even at personal cost.

This year a good project for district chairmen would be to promote mem-

bership in M.L.A. This could be done in the district meetings. They could suggest that to introduce members to the M.L.A. and *The Michigan Librarian*, library money be spent to pay the trustees' memberships. This would be slight reward for people giving their time to library service and indeed a worthwhile investment of library funds. A policy of giving membership to new trustees for the first year, would be a worthwhile policy.

To promote such a program of trustee education for membership, area meetings might be held, district meetings present such a program with benefits to be derived, and possibly a form letter be sent to all library boards urging 100% membership and pointing out the benefits to be derived for the trustee and the whole library development.

Mrs. Leithel Ford, Trustee
Mitchell Public Library, Hillsdale

Trustee Action Program—1957

The American Association of Library Trustees developed an active trustee action program for the year 1956-1957 at their meeting at Miami. It is as follows:

Trustee Action Program for 1957

- A. Develop state trustee programs
- B. Help develop state plans that:
 1. Set a new high goal for library service based on new revised standards.
 2. Use federal funds as seed money and not as welfare.
 3. Have a 5-year time-table of accomplishment.
- C. Educate the public—via "Operation Library," and other publicity on:
 1. The new library standards.
 2. State plans.
 3. The local library and its services.
 4. Work with "Friends of the Library" and other groups.
- D. Build up trustee enthusiasm and activity via:
 1. State and regional trustee meetings.
 2. Membership in ALA (at least one member per trustee board).

3. A two-day trustee workshop at Kansas City based on the theme "Information Unlimited—A Modern Library for Today's World."

4. A new bulletin, "The Library Trustee".

5. Have every trustee own and use *A HANDBOOK FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES*, by Wisner, and every board of trustees study "How To Be a Good Library Board Member," the Home-Study course offered by the University of Chicago.

It is hoped that trustees and librarians will make the most of the "Know and Grow" program that was developed two

years ago by ALA in cooperation with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Suggestion sheets may be obtained from General Federation Headquarters, 1734 N. St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C., and the Public Libraries Division, ALA.

Public Relations in your community may be developed and furthered by adhering closely to the *Know and Grow* program.

It is also hoped that any trustee or librarian who has a new workable plan or idea, send it to the **TRUSTEES' CORNER**. We are eager for your ideas, for your projects, and for your help.

Helen H. Cloutier,
Trustee—Carnegie Public Lib.
Escanaba, Michigan

Last year's Public Relations Committee program of telling the library story is beginning to bear fruit. The December, 1956 issue of the Michigan Education Association Journal has an article called "Your Public Library." This article will reach a large audience of potential friends, our allies in the cause of an informed public.

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District Meetings

- Growth and Change—The Challenge*
- I — Thursday, April 25, Niles
 - II — Wednesday, May 8, Lansing
 - III — Wednesday, May 1, Chandler Park Branch, Detroit Public Library
 - IV — Friday, May 3, Belding
 - V — Thursday, May 2, Butman Fish Library, Saginaw
 - VI — Thursday, May 23, Traverse City Public Library
 - VII — Saturday, May 25, Ironwood
-

State Library Workshops

Working with Young People

- Higgins Lake, July 23-27
 - St. Mary's Lake, July 29-August 2
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School and Children's Section

- April 12-13—Spring Institute, Kellogg Center, Michigan State U., East Lansing
 - September 20-21 — Fall meeting, St. Mary's Lake
 - September 27-28 — Regional meeting, Rogers City
 - April 3 — Newcomer's Day, Kellogg Center, Michigan State U., East Lansing
 - April 6—Catholic Library Association, Michigan Unit, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids
 - April 12—Hospital Section, Ann Arbor
 - May 4—M.A.S.L., Wyandotte
 - May 15—College, Reference & Catalog Sections, Kalamazoo
 - May 24-25—Adult Education Assn. of Michigan, Grand Rapids
 - October 23-26—M.L.A. Annual Conference, Detroit-Leland Hotel, Detroit
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PROFESSIONAL*

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Librarian I (62 positions)	\$ 4,388 - 4,724
Fifth year degree from a library school accredited by the American Library Association required for appointment to this training grade. No experience requirement. Promotion to Librarian II dependent on professional development and on the availability of positions. The usual training period spent as Librarian I is two to three years.	
Librarian II (130 positions)	\$ 4,730 - 5,525

A successful experience as Librarian I or more than three years' sound experience in a comparable professional situation in another library required for appointment. If the experience is not readily comparable, appointment is made to Librarian I grade and reviewed after six months and a year.

SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Librarian III (48 positions)	\$ 5,252 - 5,910
Assistant to all Chiefs of Division and to some Chiefs of Department, heads of two large Branch Children's Rooms and Specialists in Rare Books, Fiction, and Manuscripts.	
Assistant Chief of Department (7 positions)	\$ 5,635 - 6,390
Assistant to Chiefs of certain large Departments and the Downtown Library.	
Chief of Division (21 positions)	\$ 6,252 - 6,640
Heads of all Branches except eleven. Heads of Automotive History, Educational Film and Schools.	
Chief of Department (29 positions)	\$ 6,448 - 7,687
Heads of Reference Departments, Youth and Children's Services, Book Selection, Extension, Publications and Exhibits, and eleven Branches.	
Chief of Technology Department	\$ 7,968 - 8,949
Library Processing Director	\$ 7,968 - 8,949
Service Director (4 positions)	\$ 8,573 - 9,148
Home Reading, Reference, Business and Personnel Directors.	
Associate Director	\$10,237 - 12,725
Director	\$15,831

*All appointments to the staff and all promotions to supervisory and administrative grades are probationary for two years.

CORRECTION: Dec. *Michigan Librarian*, page 33. Pontiac City Library per capita support should read \$1.16 not \$2.25.

Courses for Special Librarians

The University of Michigan will offer two courses and a workshop of particular interest to special librarians in the summer of 1957.

Miss Rose Vormelker, formerly assistant director of the Cleveland Public Library and now library director of the Forest City Publishing Company, will be a guest lecturer in the first six weeks of the summer session, June 24-August 2. She will offer two courses—L.S. 278, Special Libraries, and L.S. 279, Business Information Services.

In the last two weeks of the session, August 5-16, the Workshop on Mechanization of Information for Research will be offered by C. D. Gull, Administrative Officer, Division of Engineering and Industrial Research, National Research Council, Washington, D.C. This will comprise lectures on coordinate indexing and its use in manual and mechanized information services, integrated with a workshop investigation of these techniques and the preparation of a coordinate index.

The workshop will be open to regular students in the summer session and will carry two hours course credit. Students attending for the workshop period only may do so by registering in advance. The fee for such students will be \$30 for Michigan residents and \$35 for out-of-state students.

M.L.A.

Who's Who Supplement

Committee to Study Constitution & By-Laws

Chairman:

Helen Warner, Willard Public Library, Battle Creek

Virginia Summers, Lansing Public Library

Charlotte Dunnebacke, Michigan State Library, Lansing

Corrections

District I: Trustee Chrmn. Mrs. Gladys Wesler, Gobles

District V: Acting Library Vice Chairman. Jesse Thorpe, Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant
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District VII: Library Sec'y-Treas. Alden Wakevainen, Bessemer Twp. Library, Ramsay

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RECEIPTS

Bement Memorial Fund	- - - - -	\$ 21.70
Conference	- - - - -	1,983.78
Dues	- - - - -	6,313.50
Institutional	- - - - -	\$ 644.50
Personal	- - - - -	5,308.00
Trustee	- - - - -	361.00
Michigan Librarian	- - - - -	918.88
Advertising	- - - - -	894.67
Subscriptions	- - - - -	24.21
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund	- - - - -	361.00
Scholarship Fund	- - - - -	320.73
Districts	- - - - -	24.90
Total Receipts	- - - - -	\$9,944.49
GRAND TOTAL	- - - - -	\$15,033.37**

DISBURSEMENTS

A.E.A. of Michigan	- - - - -	10.00
Advisory Council & Exec. Board	- - - - -	1,833.01
A.L.A. Membership	- - - - -	39.00
Scholarship Fund	- - - - -	83.25
Committees, Special	- - - - -	581.92
Allerton Park	- - - - -	22.53
Auditing	- - - - -	15.00
Library development	- - - - -	18.00
M.L.A. Exhibits	- - - - -	37.93
M.L.A. Policy	- - - - -	24.46
Newcomers	- - - - -	44.64
Nominating	- - - - -	199.80
Recruiting	- - - - -	219.56
Committees, Standing	- - - - -	1,285.43
Legislative	- - - - -	1,023.91
Membership	- - - - -	61.22
Planning	- - - - -	69.69
Public Relations	- - - - -	79.12
Salary, Staff and Tenure	- - - - -	51.49
Conference	- - - - -	236.63
Contingent	- - - - -	238.21
Special Projects	- - - - -	50.02
Michigan Librarian	- - - - -	2,024.29
Executive Secretary	- - - - -	1,443.12
Office Expense	- - - - -	1,023.33
Clerical Aid to Ex. Sec.	- - - - -	269.00
Clerical Aid to Officers	- - - - -	30.50
Postage and Express	- - - - -	137.20
Stationery and Supplies	- - - - -	461.43
Telephone and Telegraph	- - - - -	125.20

January 1—December 31, 1956

Districts - - - - -	165.22
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund - - - - -	416.80
Sections - - - - -	313.79
Adult Education - - - - -	51.99
Catalog - - - - -	26.78
College - - - - -	5.23
County - - - - -	14.50
Hospital - - - - -	31.00
Reference - - - - -	24.28
School and Children - - - - -	160.01
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - - - - -	\$9,744.02

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts January 1, 1956 - December 31, 1956	\$15,033.37**
Total Disbursements - - - - -	9,744.02
Balance on Hand	
Bement Memorial Fund - - - \$1,354.05*	
Packard Memorial Fund - - - 301.91	
Scholarship Fund - - - - 492.81	
General M.L.A. Funds - - - 3,140.58	
Balance on Hand December 31, 1956	5,289.35**

*I, Ronald Caplan, Accountant, hereby certify that I have audited the books of record and account of the Michigan Library Association and have found them to be in order and correct.

**Of these amounts \$1,054.05 is on deposit with the Capital Savings and Loan Co., Lansing, Michigan, and \$300.00 is on student loan.

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Balance in Treasury December 31, 1956	\$ 5,289.35
Bement Memorial Fund - - - - -	\$1,354.05
Packard Memorial Trustee Fund - - - - -	301.91
Scholarship Fund - - - - -	492.81
Balance of General M.L.A. Funds - - - - -	3,140.58

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1957

Dues - - - - -	6,250.00
Institutional - - - - -	600.00
Personal - - - - -	5,300.00
Trustee - - - - -	350.00
Conference - - - - -	2,000.00
Registration - - - - -	700.00
Exhibitors - - - - -	1,300.00
Michigan Librarian - - - - -	925.00
Advertising - - - - -	900.00
Subscriptions - - - - -	25.00
GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED FUNDS FOR 1957	\$12,315.58*

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 1957

Advisory Council & Executive Board	1,450.00
A.L.A. Membership - - - - -	39.00
A.E.A. of Michigan - - - - -	10.00
A.L.A. Councilor - - - - -	50.00
Committees, Special - - - - -	865.00
Auditing - - - - -	15.00
Intellectual Freedom - - - - -	25.00
Library Laws - - - - -	100.00
M.L.A. Policy - - - - -	40.00
Newcomers - - - - -	50.00
M.L.A. Exhibits - - - - -	75.00
Nominating and Election - - - - -	200.00
Recruiting - - - - -	300.00
Trustee Citation - - - - -	10.00
Constitutional Revision - - - - -	50.00
Committees, Standing - - - - -	1,850.00
Legislative - - - - -	1,200.00
Membership - - - - -	150.00
Planning - - - - -	200.00
Public Relations - - - - -	175.00
Publications - - - - -	50.00
Salary, Staff and Tenure - - - - -	50.00
Scholarship - - - - -	25.00
Conference - - - - -	1,200.00

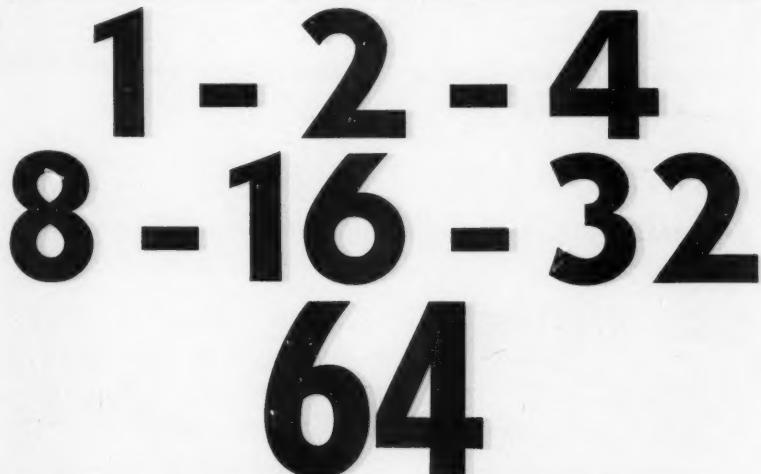
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ASSOCIATION BUDGET—1957

*Special ear-marked funds (\$2,148.77) excluded.

Contingent - - - - -	662.58
Districts - - - - -	200.00
Executive Secretary, Salary - - -	1,664.00
Michigan Librarian - - -	2,500.00
Office Expense - - -	1,375.00
Clerical Aid to Executive Secretary	375.00
Clerical Aid to Officers - - -	100.00
Postage and Express - - -	150.00
Stationary and Supplies - - -	625.00
Telephone and Telegraph - - -	125.00
Sections - - - - -	450.00
Adult Education - - -	50.00
Catalog - - - - -	50.00
College - - - - -	50.00
County and Regional Libraries - -	50.00
Hospital - - - - -	30.00
Reference - - - - -	50.00
School and Children - - -	170.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$12,315.58*

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In Memoriam

Flora B. Roberts

At Northville, Michigan at the age of 84. Miss Roberts was former president of the Michigan Library Association, and upon her retirement as head of the Kalamazoo Public Library system in 1942 was made an honorary member of M.L.A.

Miss Roberts served as the Kalamazoo librarian for 24 years and saw the library grow from a population use of 17 percent to 50 percent and a circulation of books from 173,453 to 706,922 a year.

She enjoyed a varied career serving as a cataloger with the University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University. She was an instructor at Drexel Institute from which she had graduated, and was the first graduate librarian to serve at Michigan State University in 1901. She also held offices in the Missouri, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin library associations.

In recognition of her many years of service to Kalamazoo, Miss Roberts received an honorary Master of Arts Degree from Kalamazoo College at its 106th annual commencement in 1942.

Florence H. Severs

At her home in Portland, Oregon. Miss Severs was a honorary member of M.L.A. and librarian at the Grosse Pointe Public Library from 1929 to 1949. She was active in many civic activities concerning the city of Grosse Pointe and also served as a member of the Executive Board of the Michigan Library Association. At the time of Miss Severs' resignation from the Grosse Pointe Public Library, she had seen the use of the library grow from 1,000 registered borrowers to over 10,000. The record, tool, and film libraries were results of her initiative.

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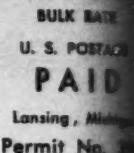
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State Aid

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Increasing our state aid grant from the current \$362,000 to \$700,000 will result in public libraries receiving \$.10 per capita. Meeting the standards required in connection with State Aid have materially helped all libraries. However, libraries are now discovering that State Aid payments are so low that communities do not feel it is worthwhile to increase tax support in order to qualify. Using the state equalized valuation figure as a tax basis has made this difference.

Salary reimbursements to county librarians also are paid from this item. That payment has now been increased to \$4,800 annually and there is a new county library — Midland — which will add to this financial cost. An increase in this grant is long overdue and we hope to be successful this year.

The budget item: Funds for Local Libraries includes, besides the State Aid grant, a Public Library Development Grant. If the regional library centered in Grand Traverse receives the required local support, this year will see the end of special state appropriations for it. We are asking for \$39,780 and feel it is very important to receive it.

The total request for State Aid and the Development Grant is for \$739,780. For many years the State of Michigan has assumed the obligation of financial support for libraries. We hope that this will be the year to crack the \$362,000 barrier.

Help your committee by discussing State Aid and Development Grants with your own legislator. Be sure he understands the urgent need for these funds in the face of rising costs and a rapidly growing population.

